Automated Communications Exchange System
Release Notes – May 5, 2008

On Sunday, May 4, 2008, a new release of ACES was implemented containing changes to the ACES Log In process, and Participant Inquiry.

The following is a list of the changes that will be reflected in ACES as of Monday, May 5, 2008:

ACES Log In Process

From the CalPERS Online home page, the right-hand column blue box containing "Log In" and "Register Now" will be removed, as well as the "Log In" menu window with the three radio buttons that includes "ACES - Registered Users Only."

To make it easier to log into ACES, a new "Log In to ACES" link will be displayed in the right-hand column of the CalPERS Online home page at www.calpers.ca.gov. After clicking on the "Log In to ACES" link, ACES users will be automatically taken to the "ACES Log In" screen. If you are accustomed to logging in via the "ACES & Other Online Services" Web page, the "Log In to ACES" link remains and will also automatically take you to the "ACES Log In" screen.

Participant Inquiry

Header Area

The display in the Header area of Participant Inquiry will be revised as follows:

- All Agencies
  - "Member" info will no longer be shown in header area, but will be reflected in the new Membership tab
- School Agencies
  - The following will no longer be shown in the header area, but will be reflected in the new Membership tab:
    - Prior Schools PERS Membership
    - Last School Employment Date
    - PERS/STRS Election

New Membership Tab

The new Membership tab will always appear when an inquiry is submitted for an employee, regardless of whether the employee has worked for the inquiring agency or not. The new Membership tab will include the following information:

- All Agencies
  - CalPERS Membership indicator
    - Required value of either "Yes" or "No"
  - CalPERS Membership Effective Date
- School Agencies only
  - Prior School PERS Membership
    - Value of "YES/NO/Refunded/Call CalPERS"
  - Last School Employment Date
  - Election Type
    - Value of "PERS/STRS/NONE"
  - Refunded
    - Will only show if member has refunded
- State and Non-Central Agencies only
  - State ARP Member
    - Indicator will always appear with a value of either "Yes" or "No" or "Not Eligible"
  - State ARP Date
    - Indicates original effective date of ARP
  - ARP Program Months Completed
    - Will indicate 0-24 months

Accessing Participant Inquiry

To gain access to Participant Inquiry, an Account Administrator must modify a user's account to grant access to this application. Please refer to the Account Administrator section of the ACES User Guide for instructions on granting application access.

If you have any questions regarding these Release Notes, please call the CalPERS Employer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377).